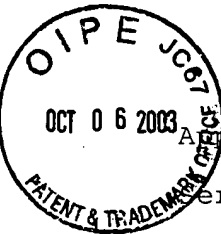


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The subject matter of the present application may also be related to the following U.S. Patent Applications: "Location Data Validation by Static Entities Receiving Location Data Items by Short-Range Communication," serial No. 10/057,741, filed January 23, 2002; "Location Data Diffusion and Location Discovery," serial No. 09/905,774, filed July 13, 2001; and "Location Data Dissemination and Reception for Entities Having Short-Range Receivers," serial No. 10/057,742, filed January 23, 2002. A copy of each application is enclosed herewith. The Examiner should consider this information during the prosecution of the above-identified application.

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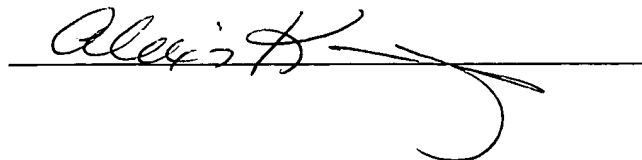
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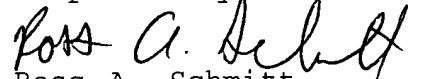
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